

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



Ask, and it will be given to you

Back in 2023, Archbishop Mark rolled out a document called **With Lamps Ablaze**. The title referred to the parable of the ten bridesmaids. Archbishop Mark noted that lamps must be properly tended if they are to give light that leads to Him who is Light.

Archbishop Mark named seven priorities that we could focus on as a diocese, so that our lamps don't just flicker and waver in the winds and storms of the world, but burn brightly and are set ablaze with light for those who are in darkness.

The first priority is Teaching Prayer. In his wisdom, Archbishop Mark recognised that prayer undergirds all priorities and activities within the diocese. If we are not a people of prayer, then we are not followers of Christ. As the priority suggests, it's not just that we should be urging people to pray—that is a given—but that we need to teach people how to pray. This, too, is the question posed by Jesus' disciples in our Gospel this week: "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

One major insight offered by the Archbishop is to begin by listening. Learning to pray is, therefore, learning to listen. God has already spoken, and God's Word continues to animate lives and hearts—especially for those willing to hear.

How good am I at listening? Many people interrupt before we've finished speaking. Others pretend to listen but are distracted. Some listen to respond rather than to understand. Others still dismiss your words with quick judgments, and some people change the subject to talk about themselves. These are all signs of poor listening—and if you're anything like me, these habits often ooze into prayer time as well. Essentially, if I'm not good at listening, then I should certainly examine how I pray.

God is ever patient and knocks on the door of our hearts, waiting to be with us. We have the power to open the door and let the Lord reside within. Prayer is the tool that allows this to happen. By opening our ears and humbly taking the back seat, may we learn to listen to one another—so that, ultimately, we might listen to God in prayer.

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:
St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

Readings at Mass

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 July 2025

First Reading

Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

R/ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R/**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Next Sunday Readings:

Ecc 1: 2-2, 21-23

Ps 89(90): 3-6,12-14,17

Col 3: 1-5,9-11, Lk 12: 13-21



Upcoming Events & News

Be the Hands of Christ – Visit the Sick in Hospital

Bring comfort to the sick through Centacare's Hospital Pastoral Care Ministry. Volunteer to visit Catholic patients at The Prince Charles, RBWH, or The Wesley. Training provided.

"I was sick and you visited me" – Matthew 25:36

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Checks & training required.



Sacramental Program Please Keep Our Candidates in Prayer

Our candidates are preparing to receive Penance and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.



ST MARY'S CHURCH ACCESS ALERT COMMENCING TUESDAY, 8 JULY



Roofing works will be commencing on Tuesday, 8 July until approximately end July. During this period, access will not be available through the front entrance of the Church as temporary fencing and scaffolding will be in place. The pathway beside the Church on the former Hostel side of the Church will also be closed.

Alternative access will be available through the door along the pathway on the main carpark side (Merivale Street side) of the Church.

All services (Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration etc) will continue as scheduled.

Please note there will not be any disabled or pram access during the period of the works.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to maintain our heritage building.

St Phoebe's Day 3rd September 2025

he celebration of St Phoebe's day this year and the addressing of the implementation of Paragraph 60 of the final document of the Synod on Synodality.



For more info
Scan the QR Code



The vast majority of Catholics in the pews have not yet heard about Paragraph 60 of the Synod's Final Document,

Synod Implementation

We are looking for someone to be a Synod implementation contact person for our Parish.



Please take the time to discern whether you would be open to this role or sent through nominations. Please contact the Parish 07 3324 3736



The Romero Centre is a ministry of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

Here at the Romero Centre, we welcome and support people seeking asylum, we walk the path where human dignity is considered sacred and where love has no borders.

Inspired by the mission of Oscar Romero and a deep respect for the human sovereign soul, the Romero Centre aspire to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

The Romero Centre is passionately and wholeheartedly working towards a community that we all want to be a part of.

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to find out more!



Amalgamation Update

Thank you for your patience. As many of you know we have a new Archbishop. Until Bishop Shane is installed, we will have to wait for written approval regarding our Amalgamation. I have been informed by leaders in the Archdiocese to continue with the steps of Amalgamation because we have been approved in principle but not by technicality. With that in mind, the name of our new Parish will be **Good Shepherd Parish, South Brisbane West End**. Our first step is appointing a new Parish Pastoral Council. The back of every Church beginning this weekend should have a nomination form. Parishioners will have an opportunity to vote for someone they think would fit as a representative of the community and advance the mission and values of the Gospel in our local area. We are looking for someone that works well within a team and has skills to offer. We want someone that is a regular and active member of our worshipping communities. We want people who are available for this ministry and not weighed down by other obligations.

Nominations for Council members closes on the 10th of August. For those that are nominated, there will be a Discernment Night where we will spend time in prayer around membership. This will be on the 20th of August at 6pm. More information will be sent to nominated Parishioners.

One more thing to note. Around the Churches there will be a simple roadmap of all the important steps we will take within the next year. The date for these events are unclear, but the order will remain the same. After our formation of the Council, we will have our celebration as a new Parish. Following the celebration, we will form a new Parish Finance Council and then we will work towards a Mission Statement/Vision for our Parish.

Again, I implore you intercession for our Parish over these next few months. I thank you for being on the journey. We pray the Holy Spirit is with us every step of the way.

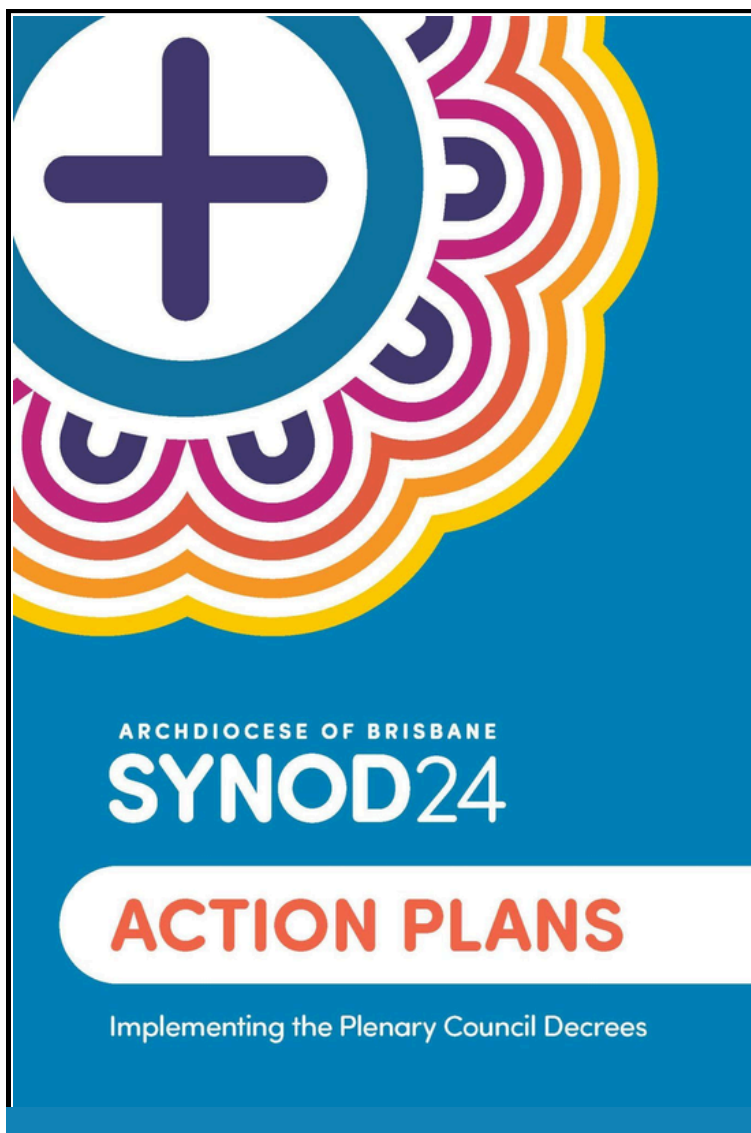
For those that would like to nominate a person electronically, please follow the QR code



Community News

A few notes:

Mass Times

**ST MARY'S****20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS**St Mary's**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES**BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 10am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3736

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm

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We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3736 if you are interested.

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responsibility.**

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Zero tolerance.
No excuse for abuse

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550

For more information visit:

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding